

Annual Report Environmental Volunteer Team. 2024/25

Whilst the Volunteer Team have autonomy in deciding work to be undertaken, all work done by the team lies within the remit of the guidelines set by the Parish Council.

From the budget received from the Parish Council, purchases of a selection of heavy duty protective gloves were made in October for the team (£72.00).

To date, no tools have been purchased from this and previous budgets. All tools used are the volunteer's own. Purchases have been PPI and consumables only.

Number of hours worked was 303 from May 2024 to April 2025, on sixty-five occasions; saving the Council about £3,466.00 based on the national minimum wage.

The type of work has included:

Footpath weeding and defining. Leaf clearances from pathways. Trimming of overhanging bushes and brambles. Playing field ditch clearance and hedge trimming. Tidying areas in Riverside Meadow, mainly around the bases of new trees to encourage growth. Help with the bi-annual churchyard clean and supporting the village hall in preparation for decoration.



This year has seen significant work done on the Community Garden, renamed from the WI Garden. This work included a general tidy up and clearing of neglected overgrown brambles, allowing the existing plants, trees, and shrubs to thrive, and the planting of new shrubs.

The Volunteer Team have been proactive for some time, keeping the old entrance to Milton Ernest Hall clear, and this year planted daffodil bulbs, which have enhanced the approach to the village.



Whilst the Team is small in number, they have made significant improvements to the look and feel of our village and in turn, have received many thanks from residents for the work achieved.